

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On August 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Transfiguration of Christ, and we commemorate the holy Apostle Matthias.

Verses

*Judas went out and was raised up on a halter
Matthias came in and was raised up on a scaffold.*

On the ninth, single-hearted Matthias was raised on a scaffold.

Born in Bethlehem of the tribe of Judah, he was a pupil of St. Simeon the Host of God in Jerusalem. Matthias was among those who loved the Lord with all their hearts. Matthias was at first included among the “Seventy” Apostles of Christ, but, after the Lord’s Resurrection, because the place of Judas the betrayer fell vacant, the apostles chose Matthias to take his place as one of the twelve Great Apostles (Acts 1:23). Receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Matthias began to preach the Gospel, first in Judea then in Ethiopia, where he suffered greatly for the sake of Christ. In Judea, he was arrested and taken for trial before Ananias the High Priest, before whom he fearlessly witnessed to Christ. Ananias—the same who had earlier killed the Apostle James—condemned Matthias to death. Thus the Apostle went to the eternal joy of his Lord.

On this day, we also commemorate the translation of the relics of Venerable Herman of Alaska, wonderworker of America.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.



ONLINE BULLETIN

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Sunday, August 9, 2020

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

THE EPISTLE

*Make vows to the Lord thy God and perform them.
In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.*

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

St Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

Falafel Sale

Sunday, August 9th after Liturgy

Falafel Sandwich \$7.00 includes a Drink or
A Dozen Falafel \$15.00 with Fixins on the side

Please support this fundraiser for the Church as we begin the Dormition Fast



Visitations

Please contact Fr. Elie with any names of parishioners that are in need of visitation either at home, in hospital or nursing homes.



Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday during the month of August.

**Nancy Muller
Alexis Najjar
Bria Bleasdale
Dimitrios Sterpis
Madelyn Marshall
Sam Matook
Paul Graham**

**Bette Ayoub
Alexander Lazieh
Keith Hallal
Salwa Khoury
Mary Mechrefe
Lillia Mechrefe
Elaine Swistak**

**Samuel Whatley
George Arees
Jonathan Gaudio
George Kilsey
Chadi Estephan
Peter Graham
Nicolas Elias Saed**

*****if you have an August birthday and do not see your name– we do not have it in our database– please email or call the church office to have you and your family members added.*****



ST MARY
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



Tickets still available! The first drawing will be held next Sunday, August 16th. The list of names/numbers will be posted on CCB on Saturday, August 15th.

Multi-week Raffle

- As most of you are aware, due to COVID-19 crisis, St. Mary will be unable to have the fundraising activities that we would have during a normal year (haflas, the bazaar, etc.)
- This has had a detrimental effect on church finances
- To help make up the shortfall, we would like to offer a multi-week raffle
- Tickets will cost \$5 per week, and the raffle will run for 25 weeks (15 Aug-15 Jan 2021)
- Tickets must be purchased for the full period of the raffle (25 weeks=\$125 per ticket)
- Multiple tickets may be purchased per family
- There will be a weekly prize of \$125 (one ticket will be drawn, winner will be notified by phone or email) and a final grand prizes at year end of 2 X \$250, \$500 and \$1,000.
- In order for this to work, a minimum of 50 tickets must be sold. If 50 tickets are not sold by 15 August 2020, all payments will be refunded and the raffle will not be held.
- Depending on the total number of tickets sold and the COVID-19 situation at the end of December, we may have a celebratory dinner where we award the grand prizes.
- Tickets will be sent via email (or if you do not have an email account, snail (postal) mail after receipt of payment (via check or Tithely-"2020 Raffle")

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 8 Eothinon: 9

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION: Tone 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION: Tone 7

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

TROPARION OF THE DORMITION: Tone 1

In giving birth, Thou didst keep Thy virginity and in thy repose, Thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos, for Thou art the mother of life, and Thou didst pass over into life; and through thy intercession from death Thou dost redeem our souls.

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION: Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.



Do all in your power not to fall, for the strong athlete should not fall. But if you do fall, get up again at once and continue the contest. Even if you fall a thousand times because of the withdrawal of Gods' grace, rise up again each time, and keep on doing so until the day of your death.

~ John of Karpathos



**PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:**

Kevin Hashway
Mark Hashway
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Victoria & Albert Hallal
Offered by: Ron Hallal

Josephine Karam
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Ron Hallal
Offered by: Rhonda Hallal, Bob Lienert, Hanna & Emma, Sharyn Hallal, Keith & Maria Hallal, Isabel & Matthew

Bette Ayoub
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

People in Beirut
Offered by: Ray & Leila Trabulsi

Philip & Bette Ayoub
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

Charlie Abosamra
Offered by: Nora Abdelahad
Elaine Agaty
Sandra Matook

Charlie Abosamra
Offered by: Nabil & Salwa Khoury

Philip & Bette Ayoub
Salwa & Nabil Khoury
Elaine Swistak
Offered by: Walid & Mirna Nakhoul



IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Janice Hallal
Offered by: Her Loving Husband Ron

Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Georges Karam
Dani Karam
Offered by: Elie, Julia & Naji Karam

Mary Samra
Paula Hallal
Offered by: Lorice Hallal

Mary & Raif Saati
George & Nora David
Offered by: Samy & Helen Morcos

George & Nora David
Offered by: Their Children & Grandchildren



Arabic Liturgy

Arabic Liturgy is being offered the first Saturday of each month at 6:00 P.M. All are welcome. and encouraged to attend.

Orthodox Vocabulary

Apostolic Fathers

The Apostolic Fathers were Church leaders and writers of the 1st and 2nd centuries of the life of the Church. They successfully defended the Church against internal and external foes. Cardinal among serious internal threats was Gnosticism, a heresy that almost disestablished the young Church. The Apostolic Fathers succeeded in grounding the Church on a truly Apostolic foundation. They contributed greatly to the spiritual, dogmatic, and liturgical stability of the early Church. They include Clement of Rome, Ignatios, Hermas, Polycarp, Papias, and the authors of some well-known Epistle and the treatise Didache.

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Schedule of Services

Sunday: Orthros (Matins) 9:00 a.m.
Church School 11:15 a.m.
Sunday: Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Enter in Quietness, Rest in Prayer,
Worship in Reverence, Depart in Peace to Serve

We welcome our Visitors & Guests: Please take a moment to fill out a Visitor Card. We invite you to join us for coffee hour at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

Receiving Communion: Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may approach the chalice for Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after the Liturgy.



Prayer Line

St. Mary ~ Internet Prayer Line
Prayer requests can be sent to us via the internet at
office@stmarypawtucket.org

All requests must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that week's bulletin. Any requests received after that time will be included in the following week's bulletin.